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## EXTRA SESSION PLANS CALLED OFF; LEADERS NOW DECLARE

Ship Purchase Bill Believed To  
Be Dead, as Democrats  
Fear Remaining Longer at  
Capitol.

Conference on Measure Is Now  
Being Considered as Only  
Hope of a Compromise on  
Question.

Developments in the ship purchase fight and general legislative situation today made it plain that the ship purchase bill is practically dead.

The President, despite earlier threats, probably will yield to the pressure of Democratic leaders and not call an extra session on account of ship purchase.

It was stated outright in quarters close to the Administration today there would be no extra session.

The plan is to try to get the ship purchase bill into conference and hold it there for some days, and in the meantime to pass the appropriation bills, or such as can be passed.

Would Hold Conference. The others are to be covered by a blanket resolution extending the current appropriation acts. The ship purchase bill may be reported out of conference late in the session, but if it is the Republicans will filibuster against it and, as they believe now, will kill it.

Realizing the ship purchase bill was "screwed up," the Democratic leaders today began negotiations with the Republicans. Their proposal was to let the bill go to conference, to keep it there until the last day of February, to work on appropriations in the meantime, and then to report it back to the Senate.

This proposal was not based on the hope of finally passing the bill but on the idea that the astute plan for the Democrats to follow would be to put the Republicans in the light of killing ship purchase, to avoid an extra session, and to go to the country after March 4 with the President and the Democratic leaders blaming the Republicans for defeating a piece of beneficent legislation.

Expected Wilson Approval. The President has been told by some of the leaders of this bill that the shrewd political course to take is to let it go to conference, to keep it there until the last day of February, to work on appropriations in the meantime, and then to report it back to the Senate.

President Wilson has told some of the members of Congress that he would not call an extra session if ship purchase were not passed or finally acted on. Many have believed he would adhere to this position. But under pressure from Democratic leaders it is now believed he will give way. They are arguing that an extra session would ruin the Democratic party.

One of the troubles in the way of getting business in shape to avoid an extra session is the river and harbor measure. If this is urged in its present form, there will be a lengthy fight and the whole appropriations situation may become hopelessly tangled.

Silk Trousers for Men  
Fashion's Latest Edict

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Silk trousers for men were flaunted upon the world by a Fifth avenue tailor today. They're to be all the go this summer—be it extreme styles call for tight ones that may make the Fifth avenue parade look like the march of a burlesque show's emcees.

Chicago Former Newsies  
Do Stunts for Charity

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Cubaret entertainers moved out to the street corners, a brass band performed behind one newsstand, a liver beer, served out by a "newsie," in a knock-knocker style and other stunts were staged in this city today by over 100 old-time newsboys who are selling papers in an endeavor to raise \$10,000 for charity.

To Address Plate Printers  
On Value of Organizing

John H. Ferguson, president of the Maryland and District of Columbia Plate Printers' Association, will speak at the annual meeting of the Plate Printers' Local No. 2 tonight at Reginald Hall.

## White House Will Have 'Movie' Show

Historical Entertainment for President Is Arranged for East Room This Evening.

President Wilson's daughters have arranged for the benefit of their father and several members of the cabinet, a private moving picture exhibition in the East Room of the White House this evening. The picture to be shown will be entitled "The Birth of a Nation," and is based on a book written by Thomas Dixon, the novelist. It will show the progress of the colored race in this country from the days of slavery down to the present time. Owing to the fact that the President is still in mourning, no invitations have been issued. His daughters, however, arranged to have the picture presented as a possible means of diverting the President from the picture of the colored race in this country from the days of slavery down to the present time. Owing to the fact that the President is still in mourning, no invitations have been issued. His daughters, however, arranged to have the picture presented as a possible means of diverting the President from the picture of the colored race in this country from the days of slavery down to the present time.

## POLICE ASKED TO FIND MISSING BANK CLERK

Walter V. Moran Had Threatened Suicide Just Prior to His Disappearance.

Fearing that some harm had come to Walter V. Moran, twenty-one years old, a former bank clerk, who has been missing from his home, 1322 Park road northwest, since early yesterday morning, the police today urged the public to search for him. Moran, according to the police, wrote a note to his brother, J. Elliott Moran, 1609 Newton street northwest, just prior to his disappearance in which he is alleged to have said that he contemplated jumping into the river. The missing man is described as five feet seven inches tall, and of dark complexion. When last seen he was wearing a blue serge suit, gray cap, and a gray overcoat.

## BILL IS INTRODUCED FOR WHEAT EMBARGO

Congressman Farr, Alarmed,  
Would Give President Authority to Avoid Bread Famine

"If the American people knew the real wheat shortage existing and growing worse, they would be seriously alarmed," Congressman Farr of Pennsylvania, author of a bill giving the President power to declare an exportation embargo, declared today.

"If European orders are filled, this country faces a bread famine unprecedented, even bread riots," said Farr. He said the Department of Agriculture's statement of wheat supply published today did not go far enough. He said the estimated 1915 supply of 37,000,000 bushels would, in actual experience, be an actual deficit.

"I believe we have a surplus of only 82,000 bushels today," said Farr. "The department says exports are at the rate of 1,000,000 a day. Actual export figures, however, show they are 10,000,000 bushels a week."

Farr sustained the contention of the New York Produce Exchange that European demands, and not speculation, are the cause of increasing bread and wheat prices.

The speculators, fearing Congressional action, have turned right about face and now doing their level best to keep prices up and down and out of the can't with the growing European demand.

"I fear that the President will be forced to have an extra session of Congress to enact legislation to safeguard our own food supplies."

Engraving Bureau  
Granted Increase

Howard University Is Also Favored By Funds In Sundry Civil Bill.

The sundry civil bill was reported to the Senate this afternoon by Senator McPherson, chairman of the Appropriations Committee. The bill is slightly increased from the total of the House measure and carries approximately \$128,000,000.

The Appropriations Committee added \$577,188 to the bill for additional allowance to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and for the purchase of distinctive paper for making Government notes. This increase has been anxiously awaited by the plate printers.

The committee restored the item of \$10,000 for the maintenance of Howard University.

Automobile Bandits  
Lock Cashier in Vault

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Frank Roll, cashier of the Western Savings Bank in Western avenue, was held up and bound by four auto bandits, who escaped with \$2,000.

## DONATION AIDS HERE EXPECT TO PASS \$1,000 MARK TONIGHT

Booths Over City Draped in  
Yellow as Suffragists Take  
Charge of Work and Cast  
"Votes."

Self-Denial Feature Proves So  
Successful That It Will Be  
Continued Straight Through  
Crusade.

Hundreds of women in Washington voted today. They voted for their favorite charity. And the suffragists took charge of the proceedings.

Though all contributors to the District Donation week fund are allowed to designate the charity for which their donation is intended today was set apart especially as Balloting Day. Suffragists were put in charge, "antis" were invited to enter the lists, and charities vied with each other to see which should receive the largest amounts.

Dozens of stations displayed the yellow banners of the suffrage workers, though the volunteers worked arduously for "votes for women" instead of for "votes for women."

Visiting New Stations. That today's donations shall reach the \$1,000 mark, in addition to the money collected yesterday, is the fervent wish of Mrs. Ellis Logan and her corps of workers. Early this morning Mrs. Logan set out visiting the new stations, giving them instructions, moving collections to locations where larger collections are expected, and arranging for relays of watchers at the various boxes.

So successful was yesterday's self-denial day and collection that this self-denial feature will be emphasized throughout the week. Tomorrow was designated as "nickel day." This does not mean that larger contributions will not be welcomed. But a special effort will be made to collect the nickels saved by walking downtown, by abstaining from cigars, soda, and other small sacrifices.

"The committee wishes to urge upon every one this self-denial feature," said Mrs. Logan today. "Tomorrow we are hoping to have a man, woman, and child will forego some luxury, and contribute to the fund."

"The splendid success of Miss Janet Richards' class, at Woodward and Lothrop's, where the self-denial collection was \$428.85, shows the power of the self-denial spirit when translated into dollars and cents."

Though yesterday's collection was \$688.55, it is estimated that more than \$1,000 was collected.

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## "Santa Claus Girl" Is to Wed; Will Continue Her Philanthropy

Miss Olive May Wilson Tells of Her Engagement to Birchall Hammer.

No Date Announced, But Wedding Is Expected During the Coming Spring.



Olive May Wilson, the "Santa Claus Girl," of Jenkintown, Pa., whose gifts have taught thousands of poor children the country over the meaning of "Merry Christmas," surprised even her most intimate friends by formally announcing her engagement to Birchall Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hammer, of Mt. Airy, Pa. No definite date has been set for the wedding, but those most closely connected with the young people believe that it will take place this coming spring.

Miss Wilson, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Harry Wilson, at Jenkintown, says she would not let her coming marriage interfere with her work. She will still play Lady Bountiful to the little boys and girls whose stockings she fills with candies and toys, and whose hearts overflow with grateful love for their "Dear Santa Lady."

The "Happy Princess of Jenkintown" has won a national reputation for herself by her tireless and successful work, striving to bring a little Christmas joy into the homes of the slums and the poverty-stricken rural districts of this country. She came here to plead with President Wilson for the franking privilege of sending her "Santa Claus Mail." The President and several members of his Cabinet heartily endorsed her work, but were unable to grant the privilege.

Mr. Hammer is associated with his father in the lumbering business, with extensive affiliations in Philadelphia, and in North Carolina. He was graduated from the Chestnut Hill Academy with the class of 1909, and from the Wharton school of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1913. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and of the Priars Honorary Senior Society. While at the university, he was on the variety track team, editor of the Red and Blue and also of the 1913 Class Record. His family is an old and distinguished one, tracing its ancestry direct to Peter Birk Keyser, whose life was so closely identified with Germantown in the years following 1855.

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## BLOCKADE STANDS GERMANY REPEATS IN REPLY TO U. S.

Text of Answer to America's Protest, Made  
Public in Berlin Today, Reiterates  
Claim That Kaiser's Action Is  
Entirely Justifiable.

GENERAL TONE FRIENDLY BUT FIRM

War Zone Declaration Not Directed Against  
Neutrals, But Represents Solely a  
Measure of Self-Defense,  
It Is Declared.

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Feb. 18.—The text of the German reply to the United States protest against the submarine blockade was made public today and it is, as expected, a firm reiteration of the German claim that her action is a legitimate retaliation against English methods.

In tone the answer is especially friendly to the United States, but it is carefully set forth that Germany took the steps she did only after mature deliberation and "because the English measures are in violation of the accepted principles of international law."

The German government is declared to be "in accord with the United States that it is in a high degree desirable to avoid misunderstandings which might arise from the measures announced by the German admiralty."

Reference is made to the note of January 4, which, it is stated, accurately set forth the reasons for the German action.

NOT DIRECTED AGAINST NEUTRALS.

"This action is in no way a measure directed against the commerce of neutrals," it says, "but represents solely a measure of self-defense imposed on Germany by her vital interests against England's methods of warfare."

It is stated that Germany at all times has adhered to the valid international rules of warfare, and acted in the very outset of the war to ratify the principles of the declaration of London. It is pointed out that until today Germany has permitted the transportation of provisions from Denmark, although she has always been in position to prevent it.

"The German government," explains the note, "feels itself obliged to point out with the greatest emphasis that a traffic in arms and munitions of war between American firms and Germany's enemies, the United States, is a direct and deliberate violation of the principles of right and the toleration of wrong on the part of neutrals is a matter absolutely at the discretion of neutrals and involve no formal violation of neutrality."

This, it is declared, is merely pointed out because Germany feels that her legitimate commerce rights are severely prejudiced by the fact that neutrals are safeguarding their rights in legitimate commerce with Germany according to international law have, up to the present, achieved no, or only insignificant, results, while they are engaging in unlimited use of their right by carrying on contraband traffic with Great Britain and other enemies."

It is pointed out that neutrals have the right which they should exercise of forcing the cessation of contraband trade, especially in arms, with Germany's enemies. The note then concludes:

"In view of this situation, Germany, after six months of patient waiting, sees herself obliged to answer Great Britain's murderous method of naval warfare with sharp counter-measures. Great Britain in her fight against Germany summons hunger as an ally for the purpose of imposing upon a civilized people of 100,000,000 the choice between starvation and submission to the German blockade. Germany today is determined to take up the gauntlet and appeal to similar allies."

The reply also refers to the note of the United States dated in London on December 23 protesting against British interference with American shipping. The holding up of the Wilhelmshagen cargo of foodstuffs is referred to as a flagrant breach of international law.

Germany is declared to be cut off from her over-seas supply by the "silent or protesting toleration of neutrals both as regards commerce and as regards the band of war while Great Britain is, with the toleration of neutral governments, supplied with boys."

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## Wilson Rejects Plea For Embargo on Arms

Delegation of Women, Representing 20,000 Signers,  
Told That Ban on Exportation to Allies Would  
Be an Unneutral Act.

President Wilson today flatly rejected the idea of an embargo on the exportation of arms and ammunition to the allies. To adopt such a policy, he told a delegation of women, several of whom were Washingtonians, would be an unneutral act.

With more than 28,000 signatures of women attached, a striking petition in behalf of such an embargo was presented to the President by the delegation. A unique feature of the petition was the fact that it came from no organization of women, but from mothers, wives, and daughters who never before have taken part in any public movement.

FIRST STATEMENT ON EMBARGO.

The President's statement today was the first definite expression which he has given on the subject of an embargo on arms. It was uttered with a full appreciation of the fact that Germany's ever-increasing resentment toward the United States is based almost exclusively on the steady flow of war supplies from this country to the armies of the allies. Yet, apparently, his statement was made after careful consideration.

It is understood that he has been advised in an unmistakable manner, that for the United States to prohibit the exportation of arms after the allies had succeeded in obtaining control of the seas, would be a distinctly unneutral proceeding. It might, Administration officials declare, involve the United States at once in a war with the allies.

Much the same position was taken by Secretary of State Bryan in a recent letter to Chairman Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, defending the Administration from the charge of being partial to England and secretly hostile to Germany.

Capital Woman Started Move.

The women who saw the President today were from various parts of the country. Mrs. F. Arnold, 1743 F street northwest, of this city, widow of Dr. George Arnold, of Los Angeles, started the petition, which eventually found its way into all sections of the country. The petition, however, follows:

"We, the undersigned women, do respectfully petition Your Excellency, as Chief Executive of our nation, to do whatever lies in your power to discourage and prevent the unprincipled exportation of arms and ammunition to belligerent nations, in which business a few of the inhabitants of the United States are now engaged, and whereby the terrible slaughter in those unfortunate countries is decidedly prolonged and unnecessary misery, suffering and death brought to countless men, women and children."

"We, as women, feel that human life is too sacred to be bartered away for purely mercenary reasons, and cannot refrain from appealing to Your Excellency to see to it that the United States Government is not prevented a few people in this country from prolonging the war and enriching themselves on the blood of their fellow men."

## Will Send No U.S. Ships As Convoys of Vessels

No American warships will be sent to the German war zone around the British Isles to protect American shipping from German submarine attacks. This positive announcement was made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels today, following the receipt of a cable from Ambassador Gerard, giving the substance of Germany's reply to the protest of the United States against Germany's submarine blockade.

While the German reply reiterates the intention of that government to carry on its war on merchant shipping in retaliation for Great Britain's plan of starving Germany, Ambassador Gerard indicates that Germany will take every step in its power to avoid attack on American ships.

State Department officials took an optimistic view of the situation, indicating a belief that Germany will exert its greatest efforts toward making attack on British troop ships and not on neutral merchant vessels.

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